

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 4th April 2010

IRTS Annual Dinner AV Presentations

One of the audio visual presentations being prepared for the Annual Dinner in Dundalk will feature the Islands on the Air Contest.

Individuals or Groups who have still photos or video of last year's contest, or indeed any amateur radio related activity, and who would like them to be considered for inclusion should forward them to Seamus EI8BP. In particular, Seamus is anxious to feature all the Island expeditions.

Seamus may be contacted on 087 259 0691 or at [smccague /at/ eircom.net](mailto:smccague@eircom.net)

IRTS Committee Meeting

Next IRTS Committee Meeting, Saturday April 10th at 1100 Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone.

IRTS 78th AGM

The 78th AGM of Irish Radio Transmitters Society will be hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, over the weekend of the 24 /25th April 2010. The venue will be Fairways Hotel Dundalk Co Louth.

Tickets for the Dinner on Saturday night at 8.30PM are selling well at 35 Euro each and are available from Peter Grant EI4HX Peter's email address is [secretary /at/ ei7dar.com](mailto:secretary@ei7dar.com) or by Telephone 087 7944779..

For more info on the AGM weekend, Dinner & Rally please check www.irts.ie or www.ei7dar.com

IRTS 2m Counties Contest

The next IRTS Contest will be held on Easter Monday from 14:00 to 16:00 local time. Rules and information are available on the IRTS website.

EI4HF in Haiti

Mike Lee EI4HF has been in contact with the IRTS Radio News with an update of his Experiences in Port au Prince Haiti, where he has spent the last two months as part of the UN Humanitarian relief.

Mike has been putting his radio qualifications and Skills to good use and is helping the UN to setup and establish a vhf radio network, simplex and repeaters,

These will be used by the UN and various organizations such as Goal and Concern. Mike has also applied for a licence for Haiti and if successful he hopes to be on the air.

EI / G request for volunteers for 50MHz WSPR

Experiment.

Ian Hogan G6TGO, UK Six Metre Group Sponsorship Manager and SIX NEWS columnist, would like to invite Stations to Participate in a WSPR Experiment with a Demo Station which will be at the Norbrek Rally Blackpool on the 11th April.

All contributors will be credited in the Magazine SIX NEWS.

EI2HOT/P special activation

As part of the Hot air Balloon Fiesta in Trim over Easter Weekend the BARC (Ballooning Amateur Radio Club of Ireland) are running a special event station during the festival.

The special call will be EI2HOT/p for the event. More info from the Website.

www.trimballoonfiesta.com/

Limerick Radio Club

Eight members of Limerick Radio Club recently completed works on the 2M repeater site which consisted of erecting a tilt over mast and the erection of a new antenna & feeder. Initial reports suggest an improvement of coverage, reports from users and SWL's throughout the region are welcomed, and can be sent to any member of the

club.

As the club have gone to major expense on this project all users are reminded to contribute toward the repeater maintenance fund to club treasurer Tony EI2AW QTHR. The club wish to thank EI2GT, EI7ALB, EI4GXB, EI6IW, EI3JU, EI2GGB, EI4GB and SWL Kris for their work on the day.

Limerick Radio Club will be taking part in the IRTS 2M counties contest this bank holiday Monday. Signing EI4LRC/P operators will be Simon EI7ALB, Gerry EI3JU, David EI2GGB and Ger EI4GXB and look forward to a busy period of activity.

The Club are also now on Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and type in Limerick Radio Club, join up and say hello.

AREN

Last Sunday the 28 March AREN members provided assistance to the Galtee Walking Club in Tipperary for their annual marathon. Up to 90 participants assembled for the early morning start.

Declan EI2GE took part in the half marathon and relayed information on participant numbers at check points, Michael Norris SWL Son of Paul EI3ENB, also walked the route with a portable APRS tracker, John EI2JB was stationed in the MCP on net control and the following members were stationed at strategic points along the route, Eddie EI3FFB, SWL Dave Maxwell, Paul EI3ENB, Simon EI7ALB, Gerry EI3JU and Ger EI4GXB.

Tommy EI2IT while on baby sitting duties at home provided signal reports which resulted in EI2JB, EI7ALB and EI4GXB extending the height of the 2M/70cm antenna at the MCP and it is rumoured that their method is being used in the next McGyver movie HI!

The next AREN Voice net will take place next Wednesday Evening 7th April at 19.30 local time and all members are requested to be QRV.

Lough Erne Rally Webcast on Sunday 11 April

Responding to requests, arrangements are in hand for a live webcast over the internet from the Lough Erne Rally on Sunday 11 April. Of particular interest may be the afternoon's QRP talk on by George Dobbs G3RJV.

Also worth watching will be the happy crowd of radio amateurs and experimenters around the stalls in the main arena at the SHARE centre. The final arrangements on how to access the webcast will be posted on the Club website – www.learc.eu

Other details of the rally are all on page 26 of April's Echo Ireland which was circulated last week.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society.

The next meeting of the Society is scheduled for 7th April 2010 at the Clubhouse. Meetings start at 20.30pm sharp all are welcome to attend.

Wicklow Radio Club

The Next meeting of the Club is confirmed for wed 14th of April at 19:30, in the Glebe National School, Wicklow Town. All are welcome to attend.

Rallies

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Rally

Sunday 11th April 2010 The venue is The Share Holiday Village Lisnaskee Co. Fermanagh BT92 0EQ. For more details contact Iain 028 66326693, email gibbjgbb/at/ aol.com

Website www.learc.eu

For further Rally info and contact details please check out the IRTS Website.

www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi

History this week

1889 The Eiffel Tower opened for the Paris Exposition.

1910 First military wireless message sent in Australia, Helensburgh, Sydney.

1995 US Coast Guard last Morse message ending over 100 years use.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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